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Filed: March 24, 2004	)	
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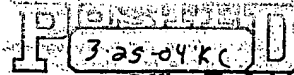
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First Inventor	Dale S. Tripp
Title	Back Flow Preventer Made of at Least Two Different Types of Material
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